GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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Maritime Administration
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate General of Shipping is the administrative authority representing Indian Shipping and Ports at International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and various other International Bodies;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether it is a fact that the said Authority includes both Shipping and Ports administration; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)
(a)&(b):The Ministry of Shipping is administrative ministry representing Indian shipping and Ports at International Maritime Organisation and various other International Bodies. Directorate General of Shipping, a subordinate office of Ministry of Shipping also represents India in various conferences in International Maritime Organization (IMO), International Labour Organisation (ILO) etc. as and when required.

(c)&(d):The Director General of Shipping is appointed under Section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 which regulates Indian mercantile marine and the IMO conventions/protocols to which India is a party. The provisions in Part IX B of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 titled 'Security of Ships and Port Facilities' inter alia provides for port facility assessment and other regulations insofar as ship-port interface is concerned whereas the functioning and operations of the major ports are under the administrative control of the Ministry of Shipping and non-major ports are under administrative control of respective Union Territories/State Governments.
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